



Snapshot of High School Class of 2001

Source: Michigan Merit Award, Michigan Department of Treasury

The **Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests** have been administered since the early 1970s for determining what students know and what students are able to do according to standards established by the State Board of Education. Hundreds of educators from throughout Michigan continue to be involved in the development and ongoing improvement of these tests. No other tests measure what is expected of all Michigan students, nor measure the performance of Michigan students against established academic standards. The tests provide a common measure of how well students are doing, and help assure that all Michigan public school students are measured on the same skills and knowledge, in the same way, at the same time.

Class of 2001 - Public School Students	Math	Science	Reading	Writing	Social Studies
Level 1 - Exceeded Michigan standards	18,304	7,901	18,259	6,142	601
Level 2 - Met Michigan standards.....	42,716	45,374	47,375	52,122	21,829
Level 3 - Basic level of achievement	13,688	19,403	9,626	18,496	27,038
Level 4 - Not endorsed.....	<u>14,434</u>	<u>15,479</u>	<u>13,094</u>	<u>8,229</u>	<u>34,699</u>
Total tested.....	89,142	88,157	88,354	84,989	84,167

Enrollment (as reported in Fall 2000) 101,789

Students taking all four tests (math, science, reading, and writing) 82,622

Class of 2001 - Non-Public School Students	Math	Science	Reading	Writing	Social Studies
Level 1 - Exceeded Michigan standards	2,351	1,046	2,299	1,003	38
Level 2 - Met Michigan standards.....	3,972	4,636	4,327	5,168	1,525
Level 3 - Basic level of achievement	910	1,450	610	1,158	1,479
Level 4 - Not endorsed.....	<u>741</u>	<u>745</u>	<u>673</u>	<u>449</u>	<u>1,599</u>
Total tested.....	7,974	7,877	7,909	7,778	4,641

Enrollment (reported voluntarily) 9,109

The **Michigan Merit Award** rewards academic achievement and makes postsecondary education more affordable. Qualifying students are eligible for \$2,500 to be used at any approved postsecondary educational institution. The award is available to all public school, public school academy, nonpublic school, and home school students. Funding is provided by a portion of Michigan's share of the revenue from the November 1998 multi-state settlement agreement with tobacco manufacturers. A student must take the MEAP High School Tests in mathematics, reading, science, and writing. Students who achieve Level 1 or Level 2 on all four tests, and who meet all other eligibility requirements, qualify for the \$2,500. Unlike many other scholarship programs for postsecondary education, the Michigan Merit Award is based solely on academic achievement. The Class of 2000 was the first eligible graduating class.

	<i>Class of 2001</i>	<i>Class of 2000</i>
Estimated enrollment (public and non-public school students)	110,898	111,342
Michigan Merit Award recipients	48,760	43,068
Potential award.....	\$ 121,900,000	\$ 107,670,000
Students reported choice of postsecondary educational institution.....	37,780	38,530
Students reported still undecided about choice of institution.....	2,618	112
Students have not reported any data regarding institution	8,362	4,426